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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HW S*

RE: Site Inspection, Marion Birch Site, S/015/045, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 11, 1991

Time of Inspection: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Conditions: Sunny, hot

Participants: Neil Simmons, BLM, Holland Shepherd, DOGM

Mr. Simmons of the BLM asked me to accompany him on this inspection to evaluate his decision to close out a mine notice. The operation was noticed two years ago. Very little or no activity has taken place since that notice was initiated. Mr. Simmons prefers, at this time, to close out the notice instead of carrying it on.

The site is located along the banks of the Green River, in what is proposed to be a scenic river corridor. It is doubtful if the operator will ever develop the area as he originally intended. If he does, he will need to support his development with a bond and a Plan of Operation, according to the BLM.

The site is located about 30 miles south of Green River, Utah, on a dirt county road. You take the county road south, out of Green River, Utah and keep heading south for about 25 to 30 miles. The site is located about 4 miles east of the main county road or BLM road. It is a narrow two-track jeep trail, ungraded and unimproved. Mr. Simmons indicated that about two miles of that road has been used singularly by the operator for accessing his claims and doing his assessment work. The road is also used by grazing permittees and recreationists.

No significant impacts are evident on the site at this time, so I advised Mr. Simmons that the Division would support him in his decision to close out the notice.

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cc: Wayne Hedberg
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